



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUN 15 2012

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jack N. Gerard  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
American Petroleum Institute  
1220 L Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005-4070

Ms. Regina Hopper  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
America's Natural Gas Alliance  
701 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Gerard and Ms. Hopper:

I recently have had productive discussions with your members about opportunities for collaborating more fully in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's work on hydraulic fracturing. These discussions have touched on several areas of common interest to the industry and the EPA, including our ongoing congressionally mandated study on the impacts of fracturing on drinking water and best practices to reduce the environmental footprint of fracturing through greater recycling of production water and other measures.

I believe it is appropriate to contemplate additional collaboration and options for building ongoing stakeholder involvement into the EPA's drinking-water study.

Upon my return from next week's United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the EPA will offer concrete and positive thoughts on how we can work collaboratively on the drinking-water study and other research. In so doing, we are mindful, as are you, of the paramount importance of meeting the highest standards of data quality, peer review and scientific integrity.

It is my hope that we can use this opportunity to discuss a mutually agreeable path forward. My staff will contact your offices to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa P. Jackson

cc: Mr. G. Steven Farris, Apache Corporation  
Mr. John S. Watson, Chevron Corporation